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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : *3/3*

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SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION : *D.G.*

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FOR: RESIN COMPOSITION AND
MULTILAYERED STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all the claims and replace with the following new Claims 21-48:

21. (New) A resin composition which comprises a copolymer (A) comprising ethylene as a major component produced by using a single-site catalyst, and an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (B) having an ethylene content of 20 to 60 mol% and a degree of hydrolysis of 95% or above, wherein the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (B) contains a boron compound in an amount of 20 to 2000 ppm in terms of boron,

said resin composition satisfying the following equation (1):

$$1/99 \leq \{\text{weight of (A)}\}/\{\text{weight of (B)}\} \leq 99/1 \quad (1).$$